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VANCOUVER CITY!

"Nearest the Setting Sun."

It is only those who have journeyed across our mighty Dominion from ocean to ocean, that can form any adequate idea of the vastness of our territory or the magnitude of our resources. Inert in the same degree

as only those who have the vision of the great Jesus Christ at heart that can adequately measure the immense work that is ahead of His children in bringing the two communities, and tribes and nations that people this immense country and make up our cosmopolitan society to a KNOWLEDGE OF THE SAVING TRUTH.

This thought came very feelingly upon a short time ago, when it was a part of my duty to travel, within a few weeks, the whole distance across the continent from Newfoundland to British Columbia, and as I passed through the various cities and amongst the hives and haunts of busy men through New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, and Manitoba, and amongst the trackless prairies of the North-West, to the sea-board again at the Pacific slope, I became more than ever impressed with the magnitude of our work and of the inadequacy of our means to answer the appeal for truth which is ever going up from the totting and unrest of this people.

On my return some weeks ago I had something to say in the Wan Coy of the rapid growth and present magnificence of the city of Winnipeg, and of the successes and prospects of the work and mission of our Army there. Great and wonderful as that growth has been I think the city of Vancouver, B.C., seems destined to eclipse even it in the point of speed. For engraving, which tells of a year's growth, relates a story that is calculated to astonish every reader, and tells it, too, far better than many columns from my pen, halting pen could hope to do.

Vancouver on the Pacific coast is the same to the Dominion of Canada as San Francisco to the United States, being

WESTERN OCEAN GATEWAY.

and the key to the railway system of its provinces; and as London, the gateway city of Europe, has been built up and developed by the growth of Europe, so Vancouver in like proportion must grow and develop with the same rapidity as our own loved Dominion.

It is the western terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and the recognized commercial centre of the Province, has a most magnificent natural harbor, affording a water outlet for nearly every street in the city. The main harbor is on the north side of the city, and extends miles at its greatest width, and about twelve miles in length, having accommodation enough on its placid waters for the united fleets of the world, and a safe and sure anchorage. This harbor has along its northern side a chain of mountains and is otherwise completely sheltered on all

sides from high winds, and vessels in their harbors will lie undisturbed though a hurricane be raging outside. The entrance to this harbor from English Bay is about a quarter of a mile in width, and easy to navigate even by the largest ocean craft at all states of the tide and in any weather. There are advantages which few harbors of equal proportions have. English Bay, on the west of the city, is a large open roadstead with excellent anchorage; jutting out from it is False Creek, running in an easterly direction, and dividing the city in two parts. Both the Bay and False

to succeed, and they did. Within six months over 600 substantial frame and brick dwellings were erected, over a million dollars were spent, and by this time the population was 3,600. Her progress since then has been unchecked, growing at the rate of 500 per month, until to-day she has a population of 7,000, when at the same period last year there was only 800; and every train and steamer are still adding to it.

The public buildings now consist of a City Hall, Court House and Jail and Citizens' Public Hall, Fire Hall, Public

and that therefore the whole community, for the most part, is engrossed in an exciting struggle and a headlong race after riches. So terribly has this pursuit dulled and blinded the consciences of some that the Sabbath is all but unobserved, and lounge habbling and ordinary recreations are followed for seven days in each week, and consequently one great safeguard for religion and morality—the Christian Sabbath—does not flourish in like proportion with secular affairs in this region.

Already has the Divine displeasure at such courses been demonstrated, and twice has the place been devastated by fire. But still the eager, restless chase after wealth goes on, and whilst schools and factories and warehouses go up with astonishing rapidity, religious edifices, like religious life, are in a very languishing condition. Still, thank God, there is still places a remnant that are saved, and who, like true heaven, are determined to work upon the darkened community, and good men and true there are lading with pleasure and ready to welcome with open arms the

THE ADVENT OF THE SALVATION ARMY.

Latest despatches tell us that D. O. Young has secured a Hall for meetings, and early in this month, our pioneers will claim the city and territory for our King: Hallelujah!

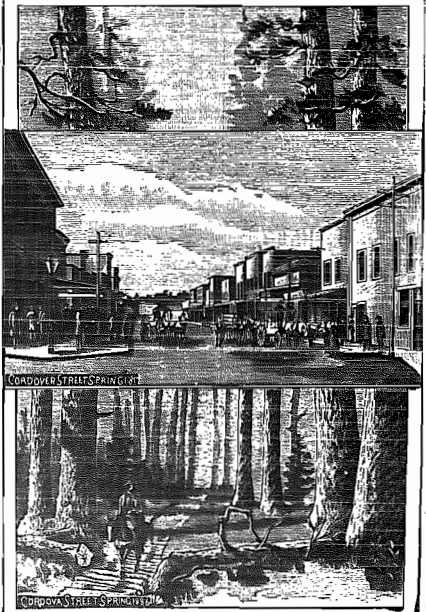
The opening of our work in Vancouver Island opens up a work, too, that points to mighty conquests far beyond, and through it lies a pathway for that Hallelujah! Belt which by-and-by is destined to encircle our globe. In the city itself are a number of Chinese, and only 4,000 miles across the ocean, already bridged by mighty steamships, lies the mighty land of their nativity, with its teeming millions of darkest heathens. God is evidently opening up our way, if it be true that Vancouver City and our untravelling iron road across the continent is to play an important part in the political and commercial history of our country and the world. Still more true is it that these facilities must by us be seized for God, so that our country may step, possibly through our efforts, to the position marked out for her by the Divine destiny as the leader of that great Anglo-Saxon race which will eventually

BRING THE WORLD TO GOD.

All this indeed may be done under God's blessing, but it can only be done by sanctified hearts and consecrated minds. What answer have our consciences to the Dominion to make to this? God plainly says there is the path, go up and possess the land, you and your little ones. Men and women are wanted for this work now. Money is needed for this departure at once. Children should be given and trained for this wonderful crusade, from every corner, from every outpost, from every salvation home. God and God's cause is needing blood and consecrated lives. God help us all to face the question, "How shall we come to the help of the Lord in this matter?"

COMMUNION.

"The sound of that drum means something every time," says a sister who has been saved over sixty years; but being home-bound, and unable to attend our meetings she feels the value of every beat of the drum that calls sinners to repentance. Do you? If not, the very best means another offer of mercy rejected, another opportunity lost, another call given.



Creek are very desirable parts of the harbor accommodation, so important to the development of the railway and shipping interests which make this city the commercial centre.

The city was incorporated on April 4th, 1880, and was making rapid progress, when unfortunately the fire of the 18th of June of the same year swept all but two or three houses out of existence; but although it rendered many penniless, and resulted in loss to all, the citizens were equal to the task, failed never to enter their heads; they set to work determined

School, Temporary Hospital and a Custom House, and these are to be added by the building of a City Jubilee Hospital. The C. P. R., too, are just now erecting a great hotel at immense cost for the accommodation of the many travellers.

When we look upon these wonderful advantages in a commercial and money making sense, it is not to be wondered at that people from all parts of the world are eagerly rushing in to participate in the struggle for gain, and that when hooded they are not over particular as to the means they take to attain their end

The Flying Artillery

QUINTETE ON THE MARCH.

Harking back—Omitted but not forgotten.

—New Joye in a Strange Land.

Hallelujah Lives in Straight-laced Faces—Good Quarters in Jail—Officials that Magnify their Office—

Saving Bodies and Keeping Souls—A Booming, Baby Corps.

"With steady pace the Ministera march."

After leaving Petersburg our march

was well a success, glory be to God.

I have been reminded that I omitted in my

report, returning from our eastern tour,

to report

FREESHOOT.

meeting. I feel that I should make an

apology to the Officers and soldiers of this

corps who had spared no trouble to make

our visit a success, as it turned out to be.

A joyful meeting in which we enjoyed

ourselves very much, and we were im-

mensely attracted, not only by the friends

and sympathizers locally, but by officers

and soldiers who were anxious to

testify to their having a good spiritual time.

It was the largest attended meeting I ever

had the privilege to attend at Freeport.

As to our countrymen, we were

most worthy in every way of mention. The rescue

schools were very much the better of it,

and as we are anxious to visit you soon

again we wish to meet with you to enjoy

even more spiritual gifts which we neither

forget nor undervalue. I overhauled the

list in the very many names which it

was my good fortune to visit on that ex-

tended list of fifty-nine States. Some of

the names were, unfortunately, very sorry

to be the cause of our delay, and our next

visit may in no way suffer from the un-

intentional omission. God bless you.

HASTINGS.

Glory to God! It was a profitable

trip. The march through this State

was a spiritual turn-out. As the people

came rushing out into the streets and

the streets of our small towns

made the little resound. The crowds were

compelled to listen to gospel in song, and

inside to a numerous audience the same

evangelizing truths were driven home

and, and four succumbed to its power,

throwing themselves at the Master's feet

and for their souls' salvation. We were

not so much as the meeting. Next day,

along with dear Captain Kim, we took a

rig for WARKWORTH.

I ought to ask our comrades in the field

to pray for Captain Kim and his dear

family. Very truly, your friend, W. C.

A never fails. God bless and bless them!

The drive to Warkworth was an outing

in every sense of the word; we had several

travellers a la carte, and a good deal of

singing, and the composition of songs

and prayer that God would make our visit

fruitful. The drive to Warkworth was

the theme of the brethren. The new

vision to the time of "Holy Bible, precious

Bible," the first verse and chorus of which

—As such in the desert is the fountain.

I have brought salvation to my soul.

Living streams, coming from Calvary's

mountain.

When I am in New York, please and

whole.

THE WAR CRY.

CAMPBELLFORD.

After climbing two flights of stairs into

the barracks we scarcely had time to wipe

the perspiration from our brows after the

little march than we were met by

Adjutant Phillips, a list of the names of the

rescuees, the names of whose faces seemed

to be set to the tune of "And Lead

us On." After some waiting and waiting

from Grampa Bess things seemed to ease

off a little, and blues the dear Lord, a ray

of brightness irradially came from the

door. The Adjutant entered the room, and

G came upon us, and we had a splendid

meeting. Our friends listened with great

interest to the singing stories of sal-

vation and rescue work, and we were

glad to say a good measure of sympathy was

evoked as they heard what mighty things

have been accomplished by God and the

Army. We hope the meeting is the

beginning of better things; it was fairly

attended.

BELEWILLE.

Once more, after some little exercise

in the shape of getting our Hallelujah traps

into the barracks, we were told off

to the jail to be killed. I gave steady

before with our comrades the jailer,

and this is not the only place I have

been to, in the way of a jailer. I can

say how blessed it is to enjoy the company

of people in their capacity—accustomed

to the suffering stories of sal-

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